

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, March 12, 2002, at 4:30 p.m. in Room 700, Law and Justice Center, 104 West Front Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Sweeney, Members Berglund, Salch, Bass, Gordon, Segobiano, Berglund, Pokorney

Members Absent: Member Sorensen

Other County
Board Members
Present: Member Selzer

Staff Present: Mr. John M. Zeunik, County Administrator; Mr. Terry Lindberg, Assistant County Administrator; Ms. Lucretia A. Wood, County Administrator's Assistant, County Administrator's Office

Department Heads/
Elected Officials
Present: Mr. Craig Nelson, Director, Information Services

Others Present: None

Chairman Sweeney called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. Chairman Sweeney presented the minutes of the February 12, 2002 meeting for approval.

Motion by Sommer/Gordon to approve and place on file the minutes of the February 12, 2002 meeting. Motion carried.

The minutes of the February 12, 2002 meeting were approved and placed on file as presented.

Chairman Sweeney, Chairman of the Executive Committee, stated that there are no reappointments, appointments, or resignations upon which the Committee's advice and consent is sought.

Chairman Sweeney stated that Mr. Eric Ruud, Civil Assistant State's Attorney, and the County Administrator have reviewed the Executive Session Minutes. In the Executive Committee Agenda packet is the recommendation prepared by the staff to keep certain Executive Session Committee Minutes closed.

Motion by Bass/Salch to accept the recommendation from the Civil Assistant State's Attorney and the County Administrator to keep certain Executive Session Committee Minutes closed. Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney presented a Request for Approval of a Contract for Professional Services with Anderson Legislative Consulting.

Motion by Berglund/Salch to recommend approval of a Contract for Professional Services with Anderson Legislative Consulting. Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney presented a Request for Approval of a Resolution in Support of House Bill 2548. Mr. Selzer explained that this bill would allow both home-rule and non home-rule local governments to regulate smoking indoors in public places. Currently, the State has the only authority to regulate smoking in public places. Mr. Selzer asked that the Committee support the legislation so that local governments are given control over this public health issue. Mr. Gordon asked if the proposed legislation would allow the State to still have control as well. Mr. Selzer replied that the State would still have control as well. The proposed legislation is intended to reduce deaths due to second hand smoke. Mr. Sommer noted that there are 102 Counties in the State of Illinois. He suggested that if the legislation is approved, that the Counties work together so that there is continuity in local legislation between the Counties. Mr. Segobiano stated that the bill is a good start.

Motion by Gordon/Berglund to recommend Approval of a Resolution in Support of House Bill 2548. Motion carried.

Mr. Eric Ruud, Chief Civil Assistant State's Attorney, presented a report on Recent Open Meetings Act Case that was decided by the Fourth Appellate Court. In this case, the Appellate Court ruled that a County Board could not act on or approve new items unless the specific item or action is listed on the agenda. Historically, the Board has brought up new items for action under "Other" on the agenda if the item was not specifically listed. New items can still be brought up and discussed, but no action can be taken. Mr. Segobiano stated that the item could still be discussed and then placed on next month's agenda for action. Mr. Ruud suggested that for the Land Use and Development Committee, an agenda item for "Raffles" may need to be placed on the agenda. Chairman Sweeney asked if after discussing an item in Committee, could the Committee recommend that the item be listed as an item for action and placed on a Stand-up Committee Meeting Agenda. Mr. Ruud replied that it is appropriate to place such items on a Stand-up Meeting Agenda. The Stand-up Meeting Agenda always specifies what items/actions are to be considered at the Stand-up Meeting. Mr. Gordon stated that he is not comfortable having a "Raffle" routinely listed on the Committee agenda. He suggested that the Land Use Committee take a more conservative approach.

Mr. Joe Sommer, Chairman of the Justice Committee, stated that the Justice Committee has five items to be presented to the Board. Mr. Sommer asked Mr. Pokorney to present the Revised Daily Jail Population Projections, which were prepared by LZT for the Sheriff's Office. The report can be found on pages 21-24 of the Executive Committee Agenda.

Mr. Pokorney stated that the four graphs represent different regression models used to project future jail population needs. Unfortunately, each of the four graphs uses a different scale. For example, the graph on page 24 shows the top value of 350. The graph on page 23 uses 400 as the top value. The top value for the graph on page 22 is 300. The graphs do not provide narrative information to interpret the graph lines.

Mr. Pokorney stated that the graphs on page 21 and 22 best fit the jail population data and provide a reasonable jail population projection for McLean County. These models are more satisfactory than earlier linear regression projections. The data used to project the future jail population is not linear. Therefore, a curvilinear regression model is more appropriate to use when making a future jail population projection.

Mr. George Gordon, Chairman of the Land Use and Development Committee, stated that the Committee has no items for action at this time.

Mr. Gene Salch, Chairman of the Property Committee, presented a Request for Approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2001 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance General Corporate Fund 0001, County Board 0001, Facilities Management Department 0041, Government Center Building. The Emergency Appropriation Ordinance is in the amount of \$18,463.30.

Motion by Salch/Sommer to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2001 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance General Corporate Fund 0001, County Board 0001, Facilities Management Department 0041, Government Center Building. Motion carried.

Mr. "Duffy" Bass, Chairman of the Transportation Committee, that the Committee has no items for action at this time.

Ms. Sue Berglund, Vice Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented a Request for Approval of Applications for Financial Assistance from the Illinois Department of Transportation to Provide Rural Public Transportation and a Purchase of Services Agreement with Meadows Mennonite Retirement Community/SHOWBUS for a Regular Operating Application, a Vehicle Capital Application, and a Purchase of Service Agreement with Meadows Mennonite/SHOWBUS. These applications are presented annually for approval.

Motion by Berglund/Bass to recommend approval of a Request for Approval of Applications for Financial Assistance from the Illinois Department of Transportation to Provide Rural Public Transportation and a Purchase of Services Agreement with Meadows Mennonite Retirement Community/SHOWBUS for a Regular Operating Application, a Vehicle Capital Application, and a Purchase of Service Agreement with Meadows Mennonite/SHOWBUS. Motion carried.

Ms. Berglund presented a Request for Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement to Fund the McLean, DeWitt, and Livingston Counties Educational Service Region – County Administrator’s Office. Ms. Berglund advised that this Intergovernmental Agreement specifies the funding to be provided by each County for the Regional Office of Education.

Motion by Berglund/Bass to recommend approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement to Fund the McLean, DeWitt, and Livingston Counties Educational Service Region. Motion carried.

Ms. Berglund stated that a request for approval of End User Software License and Support Agreement, Cott Systems, Inc. for the Recorder’s Office will be presented to the Finance Committee at a Stand-up Meeting prior to the start of the Board Meeting. Mr. Craig Nelson, Director, Information Services, stated that the Recorder’s Office is preparing a comparison of the various companies that were considered and will present this information to the Committee for review.

Ms. Berglund asked Mr. Zeunik to present a brief summary of the “Assist 2002” Homebuyers Assistance Program. Mr. Zeunik stated that this is a new program available to McLean County because of a change in State law. Stern Brothers, the lead investment banker, will prepare a Tax-exempt Single-Family Mortgage Revenue Bond issue. The proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be used to finance low interest mortgage loans to first time homebuyers. Stern Brothers anticipates that between \$5 - \$6 million would be available to McLean County residents. The Finance Committee is recommending approval of this program.

Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator, presented an update on State payments to the County. The Retailers Occupation Tax remittance has been paid on time year to date. In fact, revenues received to date are running 4.26% higher than for the same period last year. State income tax payments are lagging behind. The Department of Revenue sent a voucher for payment in the amount of \$142,000.00 to the State Comptroller on February 20th. The State Comptroller’s Office has advised the Treasurer’s Office that there is no money available to pay this voucher at this time. The Personal Property Replacement Tax payments have arrived on time as of this date. Mr. Don Lee, Director, Nursing Home, has reported that Medicaid payments are 112 days behind. By the end of March, the Medicaid payments will be 120 days behind. The grant funded Public Aid IV-D Child Support enforcement program is current for payments to the Circuit Clerk and Circuit Court, which represent the smallest portion of the grant. The portion of the Public Aid grant for the State’s Attorney’s Office is \$185,000.00 behind. No payments have been made since July 1, 2001, the beginning of the State fiscal year.

The County is currently up to date on processing and payment of County bills. At this time, the County is not experiencing any cash flow problems. Mr. Segobiano asked how long the County would be able to continue making payments for the IV-D Child Support enforcement program. In effect, the County taxpayers are paying for a program that is supposed to be funded 100% by grant

monies from the State. Mr. Zeunik replied that the Justice Committee would have to review the situation regarding the IV-D grant funds for the State's Attorney's Office and make a decision as to what course to take. The Nursing Home expects to maintain operations in good standing despite the fact that the census is down and Medicaid payments are behind. The Nursing Home plans to use Retained Earnings to meet the operating needs of the Nursing Home. The first installment of property taxes will be due the first week in June. The County should be able to meet its operating/cash flow needs until then.

Mr. Segobiano asked how the General Fund's unencumbered fund balance compares to the same time period in Fiscal Year 2001. Mr. Zeunik stated that the General Fund is down \$300,000.00 from the same time period last year. As of February 28, 2001, the unencumbered fund balance in the General Fund was \$3.4 million. As of February 28, 2002, the unencumbered fund balance in the General Fund was \$3.1 million.

Mr. Zeunik advised the Committee that on March 21st, the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Continuing Education Unit would host a teleconference on County owned and operated Nursing Homes. Mr. Zeunik informed the Committee that he and Don Lee would speak during the first hour from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. on County Board administrative and financial oversight. At 4:00 p.m. the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois Department of Public Aid will speak about the State's role in county nursing homes.

Mr. Segobiano requested that a Resolution of Congratulations be prepared for the Central Catholic Basketball Team.

Chairman Sweeney presented the bills and transfers as recommended by the Auditor's Office for approval.

Motion by Berglund/Sommer to recommend approval of the bills and transfers as recommended by the Auditor's Office as of February 28, 2002. Motion carried.

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There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucretia A. Wood
Recording Secretary